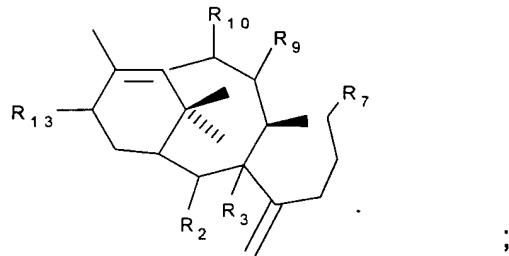


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Claims:**

1. (cancelled)

2. (new) A compound:



wherein R<sub>2</sub> is hydroxy or protected hydroxy, or together with R<sub>3</sub> forms a carbonate; R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, hydroxy or protected hydroxy, or together with R<sub>2</sub> forms a carbonate; R<sub>7</sub> is hydroxy, protected hydroxy or keto; R<sub>9</sub> is hydroxy, protected hydroxy or keto; R<sub>10</sub> is hydroxy or protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is hydroxy or protected hydroxy.

3. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is hydroxy; R<sub>3</sub> is hydroxy; R<sub>7</sub> is hydroxy; R<sub>9</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>10</sub> is protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is protected hydroxy.

4. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R<sub>2</sub> together with R<sub>3</sub> forms a carbonate; R<sub>7</sub> is hydroxy; R<sub>9</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>10</sub> is protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is protected hydroxy.

5. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R<sub>2</sub> together with R<sub>3</sub> forms a carbonate; R<sub>7</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>9</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>10</sub> is protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is protected hydroxy.

6. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R<sub>2</sub> together with R<sub>3</sub> forms a carbonate; R<sub>7</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>9</sub> is hydroxy; R<sub>10</sub> is protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is protected hydroxy.

7. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R<sub>2</sub> together with R<sub>3</sub> forms a carbonate; R<sub>7</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>9</sub> is keto; R<sub>10</sub> is protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is protected hydroxy.

8. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is hydroxy; R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen; R<sub>7</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>9</sub> is keto; R<sub>10</sub> is protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is protected hydroxy.

9. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen; R<sub>7</sub> is hydroxy; R<sub>9</sub> is keto; R<sub>10</sub> is protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is protected hydroxy.

10. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is protected hydroxy; R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen; R<sub>7</sub> is keto; R<sub>9</sub> is keto; R<sub>10</sub> is protected hydroxy; and R<sub>13</sub> is protected hydroxy.